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1. FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED PARAS 1 AND 2 REFTEL IS BASED UPON FORMAL TO'S AND MP'S REPORTED MAY 1 - OCT 31, 1975 (AND PRESUMABLY AVAILABLE WASHINGTON) AND EXCLUDES OTHER AJOR PROJECTS OR TRADE POSSIBILITIES DISCUSSED IN MORE GENERAL REPORTING:

	NUMBER	VALUE
A) TOTAL TO'S AND MP'S REPORTED	13	ABOUT $30 MILLION
B) ESTIMATE OF TO'S AND MP'S BASED ON DOCUMENTS INCLUDING EXPLICIT BOYCOTT CLAUSES	NONE	NONE
C) ESTIMATE OF TO'S AND MP'S BASED ON DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND FOUND TOHAVE BOYCOTT CLAUSES	NONE	NONE

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2. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, AFTER MAKING EXTENSIVE BUT

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LOW-KEY INQUIRIES WITHIN DIPLOMATIC, BANKING AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND MONG CONTACTS IN GOT, NO DOCUMENTS GOVERNING THESE TO/MP'S CONTAIN BOYCOTT CLAUSES. ONLY FORMAL STATEMENT WE COULD LOCATE WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS BOYCOTT CLAUSE APPPLIES ONLY TO PRIMARY BOYCOTT AS CONTAINED IN 1972 CENTRAL BANK CIRCULAR IN REGARD TO APPLICATIONS FOR IMPORT LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES. CIRCULAR STATES IN EFFECT THAT GOODS MAY NOT BE IMPORTED FROM COUNTRIES WITH WHICH TUNISIA DOES NOT HAVE TRADE RELATIONS, E.G., SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA, ISRAEL, AND (AT THE TIME) PORTUGAL. (TEXT BEING SOUGHT). IMPORTED GOODS WHEN CLEARING CUSTOMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY INVOICE AND CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN, AT WHICH TIME PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM THESE COUNTRIES CAN BE REFUSED ENTRY. PRIMARY "BOYCOTT" IN TUNISIA IS MORE A MATER OF INTERNAL GOT REGULATIONS, UNPUBLISHED AND WITHOUT EXPLICIT DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. NO CLAUSES OF TYPE SPECIFIED IN PARA 4 REFTEL ARE USED AND AS REPORTED TUNIS 6086 AND SEVERAL EARLIER MESSAGES, TUNISIA DOES NOT ADHERE TO ARAB STATES' SECONDARY BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (OR OTHER COUNTRIES).
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